# RIVERSIDE <u>OUTLOOK</u>



## Grand opening a home run for sports park





On Saturday, August 21, more than 2,000 area residents came out to show their support and excitement for the completion of the highly-anticipated Arlington Heights Sports Park. Joined by former major league baseball players Darryl Thomas of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Troy Percival of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, the day began in true baseball fashion with the Presentation of Colors by the Arlington High School (AHS) Air Force JROTC Color Guard followed by the National Anthem sung by AHS Chamber Singers

Elizabeth Murry, Ashley Pham, Kristen Treat and Alexis Wood.

Festivities for the day included refreshments provided by Smokey Canyon BBQ, a Riverside Fire vs. Police softball game, Arlington Little League softball game, youth activities and live entertainment by a local classic rock band, SouthBound.

People who know Riverside recognize what an outstanding City it is and understand that its neighborhoods reflect its greatness.

The Arlington Neighborhood now has a sports complex that directly reflects the character of the neighborhood. The 34-acre park is located on Cleveland Avenue at Van Buren Boulevard. The agricultural heritage-themed sports complex includes three lighted baseball fields, eight lighted football/ soccer fields and concession facilities reminiscent of an old farm house. And, this is Riverside's first public park utilizing reclaimed water for irrigation.

The completion of this park allows the City to provide big city recreation with a hometown feel!

## **Budget surplus enhances city services**

Unlike most cities, Riverside has realized a \$3.5 million budget surplus from Fiscal Year 2009-10, making it possible to hire more police, buy library books and enhance the city budget in several other ways.

Nearly \$2 million of the surplus came from unexpected income, such as higher-than-projected property and sales tax revenues, but the additional \$1.5 million resulted from the prudent spending plan approved by the City Council and careful monitoring of expenditures by department heads.

On August 24, the City Council approved a plan to use the surplus revenues to augment essential services. They agreed to boost

the Police Department budget by \$1 million in order to fill vacant officer positions. With the \$900,000 added to Public Works, the department will avoid cut backs on road maintenance and other services, as well as create additional parking at Orange Terrace Community Center.

Parks and Recreation will be using \$600,000 for more parking at Andulka, staffing at La Sierra and Hunt Park community centers, and utility and maintenance costs for recently expanded facilities. The Dales Senior Center will receive \$500,000 to expand into a full-service facility. The library system will benefit from \$300,000 for materials, and the final \$250,000 goes to the Museum

to replace the roof and paint the Heritage House.

In addition, the City Council has established \$40 million as the reserve fund target, which is approximately 21 percent of the total general fund budget. City officials estimate that the reserve will remain at the \$40 million level for FY 2010-11.

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## **#HOP RIVERSIDE and \$ave**



Once again, the City of Riverside has partnered with Scholars Discount Card to bring residents and businesses the Shop Riverside Community Card.

Local schools and organizations are taking advantage of this shop

local program that offers special shopping incentives at more than 200 local businesses. Those selling the card use this as a fund raising opportunity for their programs. And those purchasing the card can take pleasure in saving while dining out, enjoying leisurely family activities, shopping and much more!

When you shop local you are supporting your community as 1% of all sales tax revenue is returned to the City's general fund

for educational programs, libraries, museum exhibits, parks, and police and fire services, just to name a few.

For complete list of participating businesses and their offers, to find out how to get your own card or to find out how to get involved in the \$hop Riverside Community Card program visit ShopRiversideNow.com or contact Charva Ingram at 951-826-2434 or cingram@riversideca.gov.

### Riverside Metropolitan Museum upgrade

The Riverside Metropolitan Museum is set to receive some much needed repairs to its downtown facility. The City Council recently voted to seek bids for an estimated \$2 million in projects to repair the roof, make the building safer during earthquakes, ADA improvements and related items.

The work includes replacing roof tiles, fixing gutters, creating a more accessible unisex restroom on the first floor, improving ADA parking and building accessibility, and restoring and repairing the front entry doors.

The Museum improvements will maintain and preserve the strong architectural character of the building, seismically upgrade the structure to increase safety for its patrons and staff, and prevent further deterioration to the building which is important for the preservation of the collections and our local history.

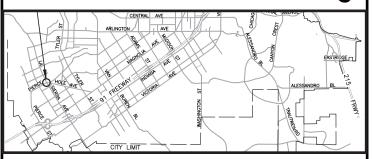
The Museum will remain open during repairs; however, some of the areas may be blocked off during construction as needed.



The Riverside Metropolitan Museum, located at 3580 Mission Inn Avenue, houses over 100,000 artifacts in its collection and provides 2,000 linear feet of archives of Natural History, Anthropology and History. It has permanent and special exhibitions on display throughout the year and is open to the public free of charge. The Museum also offers educational programs, special cultural events and school programs.

For information visit www.riversideca.gov/museum

## **Five Points Street Widening**



Riverside continues to enhance its roads for the convenience of its residents. The Five Points Street Widening Project is currently out to bid to realign and improve the intersection of La Sierra Avenue, Pierce Street, Hole Avenue and Bushnell Avenue, known as "Five Points."

The street alignment meets transportation demands, improves safety and enhances the aesthetics of the area with a raised and landscaped median. The Project includes two through lanes, two left-turn lanes, a dedicated right-turn lane, and a Class II bike lane in each direction.

Aesthetic improvements of the project area include the addition of decorative crosswalks, landscaped parkways and a publicly-maintained landscaped area on the southeast corner of La Sierra and Hole Avenues.

The Project also includes closing Bushnell Avenue to vehicular traffic at La Sierra Avenue to facilitate the realignment of the intersection and improve traffic circulation.

The Project is scheduled to start in October 2010, with the completion of the building demolitions, followed by the street construction phase and is estimated to take approximately five months to complete.

## Riverside Fox adds a few surprises!

Over a month ago, the press revealed the Fox leaping into the fall season of its inaugural year with a strong mix of internationally renowned artists and local arts groups that offer a little something for everyone. This month the promise of more to come has been fulfilled — stepping up an already eclectic mix of Comedy, Pop, Latin, Neo-Soul, Chorale, Smooth Jazz, Pops Orchestra, tributes, local arts

performances and a very special recital by internationally recognized violinist Sarah Chang — Fox has announced a few more welcome surprises!

Before summer's heat has waned, saxophone powerhouse Eric Darius will join Lalah Hathaway for a September 11 Jazz-Fusion meets Neo-Soul show! And tapping into the classic rock genre, the Fox hosts the enduringly popular B-52s, a band

with roots in both rock and roll and 80's new wave, on October 15. The following week legendary rocker Bret Michaels, originally famous as the lead singer in the glam band Poison, heats up the stage on October 21.

November rocks the Fox as well with the "Jason Bonham's Led-Zeppelin Experience," a tribute to the 30th anniversary of the death of Zeppelin drummer John Bonham. The concert combines archival video material with a live performance by a five-piece band that currently remains a guarded secret...stay tuned!

And just for laughs, the Fox added the wit and wisdom of Craig Ferguson on November 6. The multi-talented Ferguson is a Scottish-American stand-up comedian, writer, producer, director and host of the popular Late Show with Craig Ferguson, an Emmy Award-nominated, Peabody Award-winning late-night talk show that airs on CBS.

Tickets for all performances in the Fox 2010 Fall/Winter season are on sale now.

For more information, go to FoxRiversideLive.com or call the Box Office at 951-779-9800.









## Fox Concert Season Fall 2010

Sep 11	Lalah Hathaway	Nov 21	Jason Bonḥam's
Sep 24-26	Rain: A Tribute		Led-Zeppelin Experience
	to the Beatles	Nov 26	The Corona Symphony
Sep 17	Dennis Miller		Pops Orchestra with
0ct 1	UB40		Michael Cavanaugh
Oct 14	Sarah Chang		present a Tribute to Billy Joel and Elton John
Oct 15	B-52s	Dec 2	Riverside's own Hawarden
Oct 16	Riverside County	Det Z	Hills Academy Annual
	Riverside County Philharmonic		Musical
Oct 21	Bret Michaels	Dec 4	Masters of Harmony
Oct 29-31	The Color Purple		Christmas Show
Nov 6	Craig Ferguson	Dec 9-12	The Nutcracker,
Nov 17	Sinbad		performed by the
Nov 18	Blondie		California Riverside Ballet
	Graciela Beltran with	Dec 19	A Charlie Brown Christmas
1101 17/20	special guest Mariachi		with David Benoit and
	Reyna de Los Angeles		the Corona Symphony
Pops Orchestra '			
FoxRiversideLive.com or call 779-9800			



## THE GREEN PAGE

## Your Guide to Green Living



Go green. Live sustainably. Reduce your carbon footprint.



There are lists of environmental buzzwords of the 21st century, but what do they all mean, and how do you go about living green and sustainably?

If you don't know, or even if you do and you need some additional pointers, visit GreenRiverside.com and check out the City's online "Sustainability Workbook" to find out how.

The interactive workbook, designed around the City of Riverside's Green Action Plan, covers four key points of living: Energy, Waste, Transportation and Water. It provides helpful tips and information on how you can live a more sustainable lifestyle by creating a personal plan to reduce,

reuse, recycle and conserve.

Inside, you'll find such tips as: how to evaluate your energy and water use and discover ways to avoid wasting these precious resources, while learning how to consume them more efficiently; how to evaluate your garbage output by increasing your recycling efforts and reducing your waste stream by 50%; and how to reduce use of automotive fuels while using less mobile sources of pollution.

Find out how easy it is to change a few simple steps in your day-to-day living that can make big impacts to the community, to your life and to the environment by visiting GreenRiverside.com today.

## Cooler nights, water less

When night-time temperatures begin cooling down, remember to reduce your outdoor watering times and schedules. Since your plants and lawn won't need as much water to stay healthy, you can reduce the time your sprinklers stay on and reduce the number of days that you water.



Placing mulch in planting beds and around trees will also help to keep moisture in and around your garden and further allow you to reduce your water usage. For information on how to receive FREE mulch from the Agua Mansa Transfer Facility visit RiversideCA.gov/CURE or contact the City's Call Center by dialing 311.

# TUNE IN FOR THE



**Green Power Report** 

Each Monday night at 8:30 p.m. on 590 AM, KTIE, Riverside Public Utilities' award winning "Green Power Report" radio show turns the airwaves green and discusses topics such as energy and water conservation, renewable energy technologies, and the importance of reducing environmental impacts and creating sustainable communities.

Tune in each week, or download past shows via iTunes or on *GreenRiverside.com* 

## **Community Events Calendar**

## September

#### Lalah Hathaway with special guest Eric Darius Fox Performing Arts Center

8 p.m. For more info call 779-9800

#### 55+ Bingo

La Sierra Senior Center 1 - 3 p.m.For more info call 351-6435

**Discovery Days** 

Riverside Metropolitan Museum 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. For more info call 826-5273

#### **Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off Celebration**

6411 Industrial Ave 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. For more info call 534-1856

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#### Music on Main

Downtown Riverside 7 - 9 p.m.For more info call 781-7335

#### **Acoustic Open Mic**

Coffee Depot 7 - 11 p.m.For more info call 222-2263

#### 55+ Bingo

Dales Senior Center 11:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m. For more info call 826-2047

**An Evening of Comedy** with Dennis Miller Fox Performing Arts Center

8 p.m. For more info call 779-9800

#### Walk with the Mayor Poly High School

7:30 - 9 a.m. For more info call 826-5813

#### 32nd Mayor's Ball for the Arts

White Park 5 - 10 p.m. For more info call 680-1345

#### 55+ Line Dance Class

La Sierra Senior Center 11 a.m. - noon For more info call 351-6435

Mayor's Night Out

La Sierra Hills Neighborhood Twinhill Elementary 6:30 p.m. For more info call 826-5813

#### **Movies on Main:** The Princess and the Frog

Downtown Riverside 7 - 9 p.m.For more info call 781-7335

#### **Chinese Moon Festival**

Heritage House  $6 - 8 \, \text{p.m.}$ For more info call 689-1333

#### **RAIN: A Tribute** to the Beatles

Fox Performing Arts Center 8 p.m. For more info call 779-9800

#### fitExpo

California Baptist University 9 a.m. — 1 p.m. For more info call 683-0622

**RAIN: A Tribute** to the Beatles

Fox Performing Arts Center 2 and 8 p.m. For more info call 779-9800

5th Annual Mariachi Festival

Fairmount Park 3 - 9 p.m. For more info call 826-2000

RCHF Fall Gala "Under the Sea"

Riverside Community Hospital 5:30 - 10 p.m. For more info call 788-3471

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## October

**UB40** 

Fox Performing Arts Center 8 p.m. For more info call 779-9800 **Habitat for Humanity** 

"Hoedown" Riverside Rancheros 1198 Washington St. For more info call 787-6754

**Seniors and Children Go Green Day** 

White Park 10 a.m. − 2 p.m. For more info call 369-6034

Swing Dancing Coffee Depot

7 — 11 p.m. For more info call 222-2263

55+ Bingo

La Sierra Senior Center 1 - 3 p.m.For more info call 351-6435

The Aggrolites Live

9:30 p.m. For more info call 787-4629

#### Riverside Arts Walk

Downtown Riverside 6 − 9 p.m. For more info call 682-6737

#### 55+ Bingo

**Dales Senior Center** 11:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m. For more info call 826-2047

#### **59th Annual Riverside Panhellenic Home Tour**

11:30 a.m. — 5 p.m. For more info call 684-6308

**25th Anniversary** Riverside Against Drugs Fritts Ford

6 - 9 p.m.For more info call 687-2121

Citrus Heritage 5k/10k Run

Galleria at Tyler 6 - 11 a.m.For more info call 826-5446

#### **SmartRiverside Charity Golf Tournament**

Victoria Country Club 10 a.m.

For more info call 826-5446

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Fox Performing Arts Center 7:30 p.m. For more info call 779-9800

#### **Oil Painting Demo**

Plein Air Artists of Riverside (PAAR) Riverside Art Museum 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. For more info call 684-7111

Fox Performing Arts Center For more info call 779-9800

FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON RIVERSIDE EVENTS CHECK OUT riversideca.gov







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